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Baseball

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**STATESBORO, Ga.** - Georgia Southern baseball will hit the road for the first time this season, heading to 2019 NCAA Regional host No. 21 East Carolina. The Eagles will take on the Pirates in a three-game series for the first time since 1994. The last time these two programs met, GS defeated ECU 14-4 in Statesboro, in 2008.

ECU finished the 2019 season with a 47-18 record, but was defeated twice in the American Baseball Championships by Wichita State. The Pirates RPI and overall record helped them host a NCAA Regional, where they dropped the first game to Quinnipiac. ECU would go on to outscore Quinnipiac, NC State and Campbell (twice), 44-11 in the final four games to advance to the Louisville Super Regional.

### GAME NOTES

Georgia Southern (PDF)

No. 21 ECU (PDF)

### SATURDAY (2.22.20)

#### Georgia Southern at No. 21 ECU

Noon & TBA (ET) – Clark-Leclair Stadium (Greenville, N.C.)

[RADIO](#) – Ga. Southern Sports Network

[VIDEO](#) – Pirates All-Access

[LIVE STATS \(GM 1\)](#)

GS – RHP – [Jordan Jackson](#)

ECU – LHP – Alec Burleson

[LIVE STATS \(GM 2\)](#)

GS – LHP – [Braden Hays](#)

ECU – RHP – Tyler Smith

### SUNDAY (2.23.20)

#### Georgia Southern at No. 21 ECU

2:00 p.m. (ET) – Clark-Leclair Stadium (Greenville, N.C.)

[RADIO](#) – Ga. Southern Sports Network

[VIDEO](#) – Pirates All-Access

[LIVE STATS](#)

GS – RHP – [David Johnson](#)

ECU – LHP – Jake Kuchmaner

#### QUICK HITS

- Georgia Southern enters play on Saturday with a 3-1 record after falling to instate rival No. 19 Georgia Tech on Wednesday. The Eagles have scored 32 runs this season and have allowed just eight heading into the weekend.
- [Jordan Jackson](#) will get the nod on the mound for the second consecutive weekend start. Jackson picked up his first win in an Eagle uniform on Friday, allowing no runs, off three hits and striking out nine in his five innings of work.
- [Mason McWhorter](#) and [Jason Swan](#) both ride four-game hitting streaks into the weekend. McWhorter has posted a .333 batting average for GS and has scored four runs to go along with his five RBIs. Swan also posts a .333 batting average and has scored three runs to go along with his five RBIs.
- [Mitchell Golden](#) had his three-game hitting streak come to an end on Tuesday night against No. 19 Georgia Tech, but the junior continues to lead the team with a .500 batting average. Golden has drawn three walks and has only struck out one time this season.
- This weekend will be the first meeting between ECU and GS since 2008, but will be the first three-game series since the two programs met in 1994. Georgia Southern took the most recent meeting in 2008, 14-4 in Statesboro, Ga.
- ECU enters play on Saturday with a 3-1 record as well, falling to Campbell in the midweek 7-2. The Pirates were held scoreless until the top of the ninth inning, scoring two runs late to avoid the shutout.
- The Pirates opened the 2020 season with a sweep of William & Mary at Clark-Leclair Stadium. ECU won in 11 innings on Friday, before cruising to an 11-3 victory on Saturday. On Sunday, ECU edged out a 7-4 victory to sweep the opening series of the year.

#### UP NEXT

The Eagles will return home for the first of four games inside the friendly confines of J.I. Clements Stadium. Georgia Southern will welcome Mercer to Statesboro, Ga. for the first time this season on Tuesday at 6 p.m. Get your tickets online at [GSEagles.com/tickets](https://gseagles.com/tickets).

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